

Repent and Change

Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **–Matthew 4:17**

God's demand on us to become standard bearers requires us to leave the night and look forth to the morning. "Who is she who looketh forth as the morning?" She is a church filled with standard bearers who refuse to return to the night as soon as they leave the church parking lot or the mission trip. "Fair as the moon and clear as the sun" is not just for the altar or the service or the times with other Christians. Repentance, conversion, and becoming fair and clear are not for a moment but for a lifetime.

Leave sin behind at the altar once and for all! Get real about repentance. Sorrow may accompany repentance but sorrow is not repentance.

Repentance is change! Repentance involves a total change of life.

Jesus came preaching repentance. To the religious He says repent. In other words change your minds, get a new concept of God's kingdom in your hearts. To those with wealth and power He says repent. Change where you deposit your treasures. Instead of putting treasures where moth and rust corrupt, lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20). Instead of seeking things, seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

**Jesus, change me. Make me today more like You.
Transform me into Your glory. Use my
repentance as the tool to break
and remake me. Amen.**